

Chemical Safety and State-based Groups Quarterly Coordination Call Meeting Notes

April 27, 2016
3:00-4:00pm ET

Safer Choice Updates
(10 minutes)
Bridget Williams, EPA
Linda Rutsch, EPA
Clive Davies, EPA

To raise awareness of the Safer Choice Program, the office engaged in a Spring Cleaning Campaign. This campaign kicked-off during April 4-8th, and was initiated to highlight the availability of products carrying the Safer Choice label, which are currently available in stores. In addition to events across the country, the primary outreach focus was on social media. As of last month, there was an estimated 1.5 million tweets on twitter alone. To obtain more information, please visit the [Safer Choice](#) website.

The Safer Choice program also held the [Partner of the Year](#) Awards ceremony on May 9th in Washington, DC. This annual event recognizes those that have made significant contributions to the Safer Choice Program, which this year, includes recipients representative of all EPA Regions.

TCE, NMP and Methylene Chloride Update
(20 minutes)
Niva Kramek, EPA
Toni Krasnic, EPA
Tyler Lloyd, EPA

EPA is working on proposed regulations to address the risks associated with the use of methylene chloride and N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) in every application of paint and coating removal by workers and consumers. Close to reaching a major milestone and convening a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel, EPA has been working in partnership with the Office of Management and Budget and the Small Business Administration during this pre-panel process to gain insight into how regulating these paint strippers will impact small businesses.

The office is interested in receiving additional information on furniture refinishing, thus anyone with contacts within this industry, please pass them along to Niva Kramek. The office is also interested in filling data gaps associated with contacts familiar with the enforcement of a permissible exposure limit (PEL) in California for NMP.

The trichloroethylene (TCE) risk assessment was finalized in 2014 and identified non-cancer and cancer effects from use of TCE. TCE has commercial and consumer uses, which include aerosol degreasing and spot cleaning in dry cleaning facilities. In July 2014, EPA

held a TCE Expert Meeting to discuss possible TCE alternatives and risk reduction approaches. After considering several risk reduction options under TSCA section (6a), the Agency is seeking to propose a regulation on use of TCE in aerosol degreasing and spot cleaning in dry cleaning by the end of the year. EPA is also developing a separate proposed regulation under TSCA section (6a) on the use of TCE in vapor degreasing and anticipates publishing the proposed rule this year.

EPA anticipates publishing Significant New Use Rule (SNURs) for alkyl pyrrolidones, long-chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylates (LCPFAC), and toluene diisocyanates (TDI) by the end of the year.

SNURs Update
(10 minutes)
Kenneth Moss, EPA

In an [April 13th Federal Register Notice](#), EPA issued a routine action regarding three isocyanate chemicals that were the subject of premanufacture notice (PMN) review.

The proposed SNURs are issued under TSCA Section 5(a)(2) and would require manufacturers (including importers) and processors to notify EPA at least 90 days before starting any activity that is designated as a significant new use. This proposed rule would provide EPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use and, if necessary, to prohibit or limit the activity before it occurs.

Call for State and Tribal Nominations of Candidate Chemicals for Review by the U.S. and Canadian Governments for the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) – Chemicals of Mutual Concern Annex
(10 minutes)
Brad Grams, EPA Region 5
Aakruti Shah, EPA

The [Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement \(GLWQA\) – Chemicals of Mutual Concern Annex](#) is in the process of accepting nominations for chemicals of concern from states and tribes. Nominations will be formally open to the public in July, but states from any region are welcome to participate now. To view more information on the [currently proposed Chemicals of Mutual Concern](#) (CMCs) and the [criteria](#) and protocol for making a nomination under GLWQA Annex 3 (the “CMC Nomination Process”), please visit the Canada-United States Collaboration for Great Lakes Water Quality website or contact [Brad Grams](#).

Chemicals Data Reporting (CDR) and Chemicals Added to Partial Exemption List
(5 minutes)
Christina Thompson

EPA has the authority under TSCA Section 8a to require manufacturers and processors to maintain and submit data on the chemicals they produce. Formerly known as the Inventory Update Rule (IUR), this information is collected in compliance with the Chemical Data Reporting ([CDR](#)) rule. A chemical can be listed as partially exempt from CDR reporting if the processing and use information is of "low current interest". The Biobased and Renewable Advocacy Group (BRAG) submitted a petition and EPA responded in a [Federal Register](#) notice by amending the list of chemical substances that are partially exempt from reporting additional information by adding six chemicals. Manufacturers are still required to report production volume and other manufacturing-related information, but are exempted from reporting processing and use information for these six chemicals.

More information about the Chemicals Data Reporting (CDR) and Chemicals Added to Partial Exemption List can found on the [CDR website](#).

The next call is scheduled for July 27th at 3pm.